

**Docket No.**

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## **Declaration For U.S. Patent Application**

**As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:**

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**(Inventor's Name) CONNECTION METHOD AND CONNECTION ARRANGEMENT**

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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(List prior foreign applications)	<u>20021331</u> (Number)	<u>Finland</u> (Country)	<u>5 July 2002</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<b>Priority Claimed</b>
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